

DECLARATION OF INVENTORS

As a below named inventor, we declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names; that we believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or design entitled **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DIRECT MEASUREMENT OF ABSORPTION AND SCATTERING COEFFICIENTS IN SITU**, the specification which was filed on November 17, 2003 under Serial No. 10/715,336;

That we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

That we do not know and do not believe that said invention, design or discovery was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application;

That said invention, design or discovery has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued prior to the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns; and

That we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Foreign Application(s)				
			Priority Claimed	
Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Yes	No

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

United States Application(s)		
Application Serial Number	Day/Month/Year Filed	Status

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Serial No.	Filing Date:
60/426,733	November 15, 2002

We declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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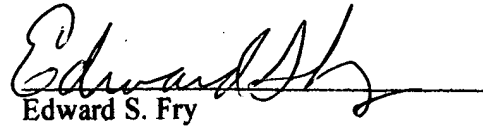
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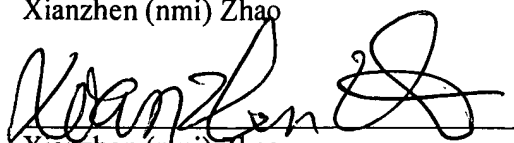
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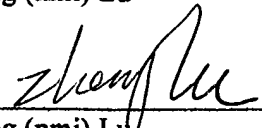
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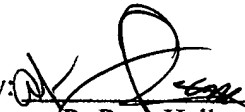
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